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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shigeru TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/909,988

Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 1372

Examiner: Jason Prone

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

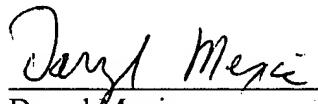
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2002, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected Groups II.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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